

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

Minutes of the Third School Board Meeting held on October 29, 2008 at 2.30 p.m. in the Board Room, Block-8, IGNOU, New Delhi – 110068

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU | - Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Poonam Agarwal, Jt. Director, PSSCIVE, Bhopal | - Member |
| 3. Prof. Malashri Lal, Jt. Director, University of Delhi | - Member |
| 4. Prof. Anu Aneja, SOCE, IGNOU | - Member |
| 5. Dr. Vimal Thorat, SOH, IGNOU | - Member |
| 6. Dr. Annu J. Thomas, SOCE, IGNOU | - Member |

The following could not attend:

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| 1. Prof. N.K. Banerjee (Retd.), CWDS, Delhi | - Member |
| 2. Dr. Meena Swaminathan, MSSRF, Chennai | - Member |
| 3. Dr. Sharmila Rege, University of Pune, Pune | - Member |
| 4. Prof. Kamal Yadava, SOMS, IGNOU | - Member |

Dr. C.G. Naidu, Nodal Officer, New Schools was present to assist the Chairman of the School Board.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members. The item-wise discussions and recommendations of the School Board are as follows:

SOGDS 3.1: Confirmation of Minutes of the second School Board meeting.

SOGDS 3.1.1: Dr Naidu said that no comments were received on the Minutes of the second School Board meeting held on June 17, 2008. The Minutes could be confirmed.

SOGDS 3.1.2: The School Board confirmed the Minutes of the second School Board.

SOGDS 3.2: To Report about the MoU between IGNOU and Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS).

SOGDS 3.2.1: Prof. Anu Aneja apprised the members of the School Board that a MoU was signed between IGNOU and CWDS on September 10, 2008. The objective of the MoU is to offer M.Phil/Ph.D. in Women's Studies. The M.Phil. programme will be of 48 credits of which 32 credits shall involve course work and 16 credits dissertation as approved by the Academic Council. The Ph.D. programme consists of 96-100 credits of which 32 credits shall involve course work as approved by the Academic Council. IGNOU will offer these programmes in collaboration with CWDS which has all the required infrastructure and faculty facilities.

SOGDS 3.2.2: The School Board noted the MoU signed between IGNOU and CWDS.

SOEDS 3.3: To report the constitution of Doctoral Committee for Ph.D. in Women's Studies.

SOGDS 3.3.1: Prof. Anu Aneja apprised the members of the School Board that as per Academic Council guidelines, the Doctoral Committee consists of the following:

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| 1. Director of the concerned School | Chairperson |
| 2. Faculty of the concerned discipline | Member |
| 3. At least one external Expert | Member |
| 4. Ph.D. Programme Coordinator | Convener |

Accordingly, the Vice Chancellor approved the following as a panel of experts for the Ph.D. Programme in Women's Studies.

1. Prof. Mary John, CWDS
2. Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhari, JNU
3. Dr. Indu Agnihotri, CWDS
4. Dr. Kumud Sharma (Retd.), CWDS

Prof. Debal S. Roy, School of Social Sciences , IGNOU and Prof. Anu Aneja, School of Continuing Education will be the Programme Coordinators of the programme.

SOEDS 3.3.2: The School Board noted the constitution of the Doctoral Committee for the Ph.D. in Women's Studies.

SOGDS 3.4: To report confirmation of Minutes of the Doctoral Committee for the Ph.D. in Women's Studies meeting.

SOGDS 3.4.1: Prof. Anu Aneja said that the first meeting of the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D. in Women's Studies was held on August 29, 2008. The minutes may be confirmed by the School Board.

SOGDS 3.4.2: The School Board confirmed the minutes of the Doctoral Committee meeting held on August 29, 2008.

SOGDS 3.5: To consider structure and syllabus for Master's Degree in Gender and Development Studies.

SOGDS 3.5.1: Dr. Annu J. Thomas presented the structure and syllabus recommended by an expert Committee for Master's Degree in Women's Studies. After a detailed discussion, the School Board approved the structure and syllabus in principle and asked the programme coordinator to submit the Phase-3 (Programme Design Detailed Programme Report) form for consideration.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman